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PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 1) 1971

I disapprove, veto, and am filing with the Secretary of State, Senate Bill 919.

This bill would authorize the Parks and Wildlife Commission to appoint a state liason officer who would be limited in his action to those matters which have the prior approval of the Parks and Wildlife Commission. Under Article IV, Section 10, of the Texas Constitution, the Governor is empowered to appoint persons to represent the state in all intercourse and business of this state with other states and with the United States. This provision of the Constitution makes the creation of a state liason officer by this act unnecessary.

Moreover, there is no federal requirement that such office be created by the Legislature and not the Governor in order for the state to receive Federal financial assistance. Such provisions of Federal law make it unnecessary for the Legislature to take any additional action by amending the present state law; and since present state law confers on the Governor of this state the power to appoint such officers, the need for this legislation is highly questionable.

Finally, since this bill provides that the state liason officer must act in compliance with Commission approval or direction, each act of the state liason officer would require submittal to the Parks and Wildlife Commission for its approval. This procedure would cause delay in the approval and processing of all state and local projects and make the office of state liason officer virtually meaningless. Such a requirement would put cities and counties and other smaller political subdivisions more or less at the mercy of the Commission. The already long process required to get a project funded would be increased considerably, thus causing the smaller municipalities to become disenchanted with the overall program.

Senate Bill 919 was received May 26, 1971, less than ten days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the 62nd Legislature. In accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I am filing this proclamation together with the bill, in the office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the ~~11TH~~ day of June, A. D., 1971.

PRESTON SMITH

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

By the Governor:

Secretary of State